

HINT RADICALS DYNAMITED EDDYSTONE PLANT

Chester, Pa., April 27.—Startling indications that the Eddystone munitions plant disaster may have been caused by Russian plotters came to light today at the coroner's inquest into the death of 102 victims of the explosion.

Federal authorities are combing the country for a Russian government inspector known as "Waskoff" who sent a message saying "Explosion occurred today our crowd safe" to a radical Russian newspaper in New York immediately after the blast.

—o—o—o— THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Geo. H. Cushing, coal production expert and editor of Black Diamond, predicts that entire country will feel coal famine next winter. Says Illinois soft coal now selling at \$2.75 to \$3.75 will be sold for \$10 and upward. Urges people to lay in their winter stock now.

Flour advanced 50 cents a barrel yesterday, now \$15.20 retail; sugar went up 2 cents; eggs dropped a few cents; grocers should have sold potatoes 5 cents cheaper.

Butter dropped after the U. S. grand jury subpoenaed members of the Chicago butter and egg board in an effort to get at the inside transactions of the price jugglers. It is understood that among those called are: Arthur W. Hale, ass't sec'y butter and egg board; M. P. Rutledge, John R. Tyler, Henry Kalscheim and W. F. Priebe. Hale, it is said, was given orders to bring his books in today.

Health Com'r Robertson, after a private investigation, announced that he had discovered that 7,920,000 eggs are being held in freight cars around Chicago for higher prices.

Texas onions dropped down 25 cents to \$2.50 a case. Rice and navy beans went up. Strawberries went higher.

SAYS THE WOUNDED NEED AID OF THE SCULPTORS



BELLE KINNEY

Miss Kinney is a New York sculptress who has asked to organize a corps of artists and sculptors to help surgeons reshape the faces of soldiers disfigured by enemy shrapnel. She would call these volunteers "directors of artistic surgery."

—o—o—o— BAKERY STRIKE SEEMS SURE

Unless bakers grant bakery drivers' union demand for a 14 per cent increase in wages, which the bakers refused at conference between union officials and bakers yesterday, union heads will declare a strike next Tuesday.

The union includes practically all city drivers. If the strike is declared the bread supply will give out, say the bakers, and the demands for flour will be so great as to exhaust the supply. At the conference no agreement could be made, since employers said demand was out of question.